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Adolf Eichmann

The "architect of the Holocaust," Eichmann personified what the writer Hannah Arendt famously called "the banality of evil." His defense at his 1961 war-crimes trial in Jerusalem? That he was merely a bureaucrat "following orders." He was found guilty and sentenced to death.

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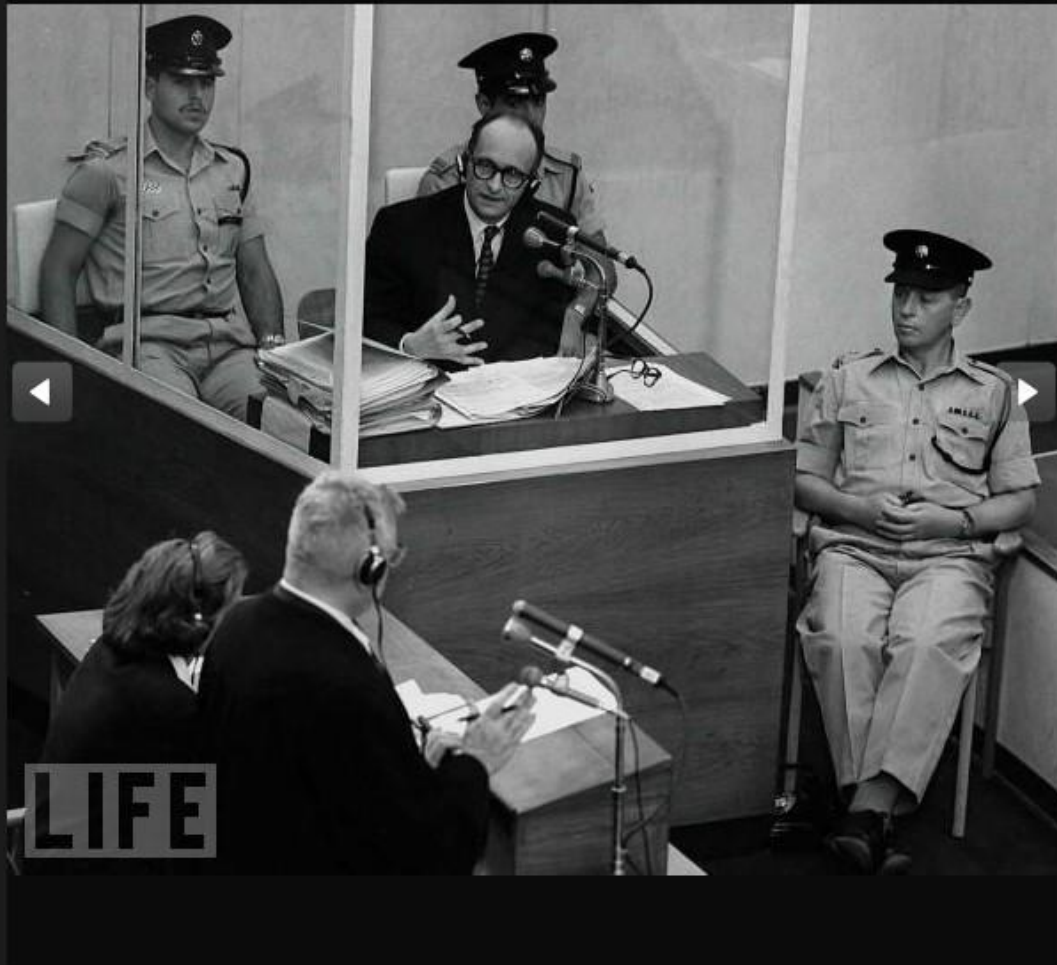
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Eichmann's Fingerprints Donated To Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial

RAMLE, ISRAEL: (FILE PHOTO) Nazi war criminal [Adolph Eichmann](#) in his prison cell April 15, 1961 in Ramle, central Israel. The Israeli police donated Eichmann's original handprints, fingerprints and mugshot to Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial ahead of Israel's annual Holocaust remembrance day May 4, 2005 which this year also marks the 60th anniversary of the Nazi's World War II defeat in 1945.

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Adolf Eichmann (1906 - 1962)

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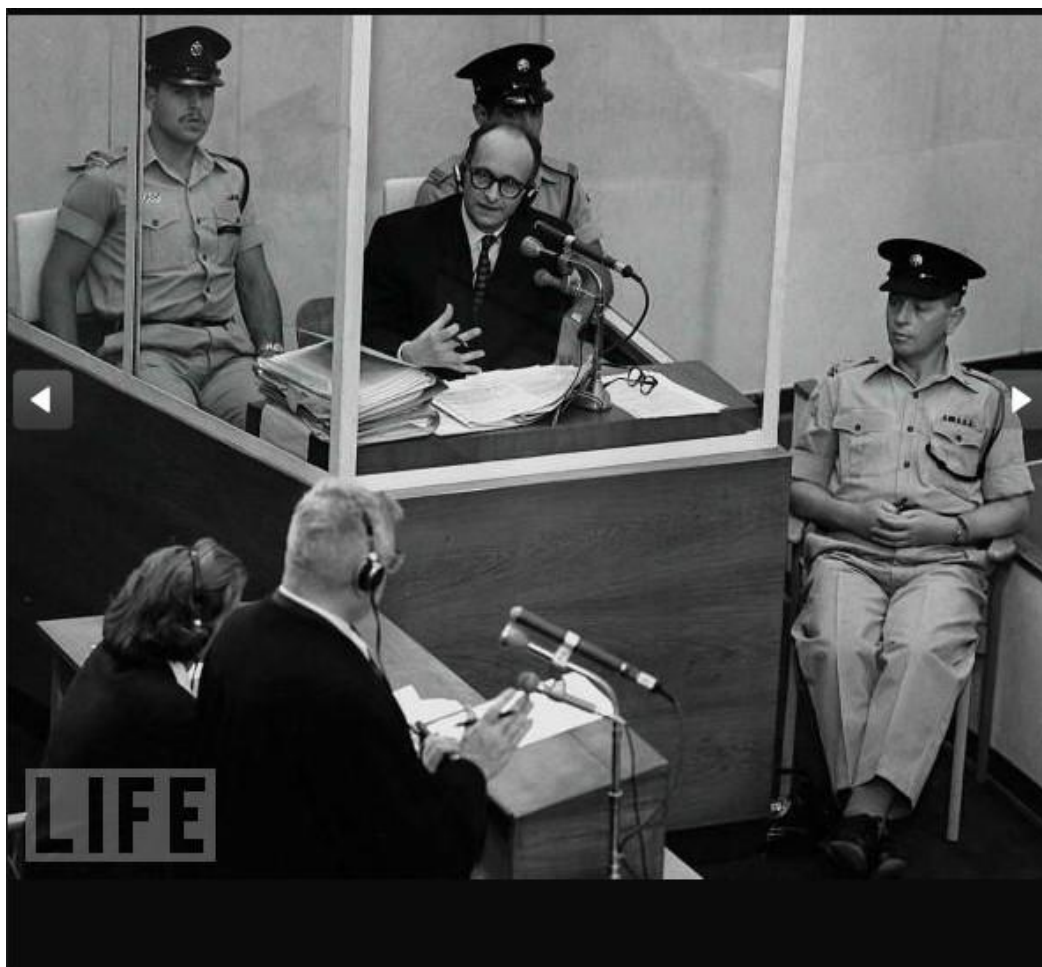
ISRAEL - CIRCA 1961: Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann sitting in glass booth surrounded by guards & listening, face contorted, as Chief Prosecutor Gideon Hausner (2L) addresses court during trial for atrocities committed by Eichmann during WWII.

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ISRAEL - CIRCA 1961: Overall of courtroom at start of trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann; Judge Landau (C) on bench is addressing Eichmann who is standing in protective glass booth w. guards.




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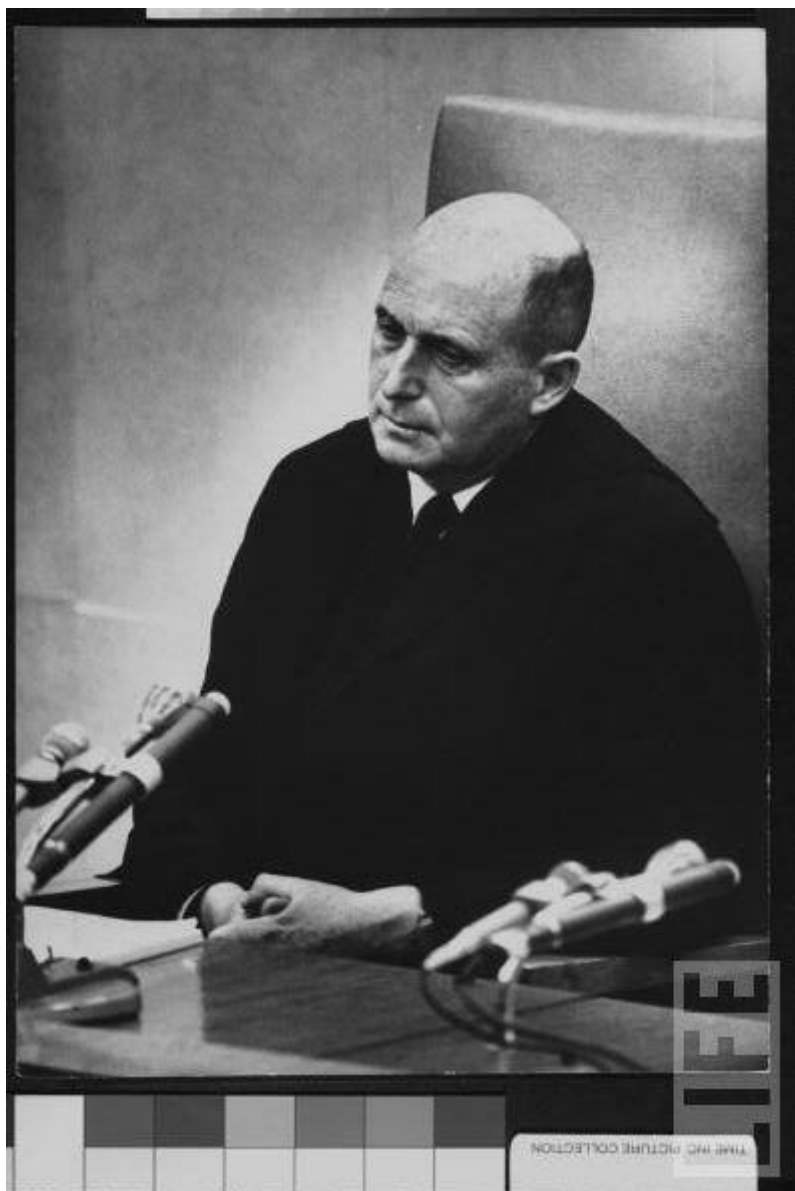


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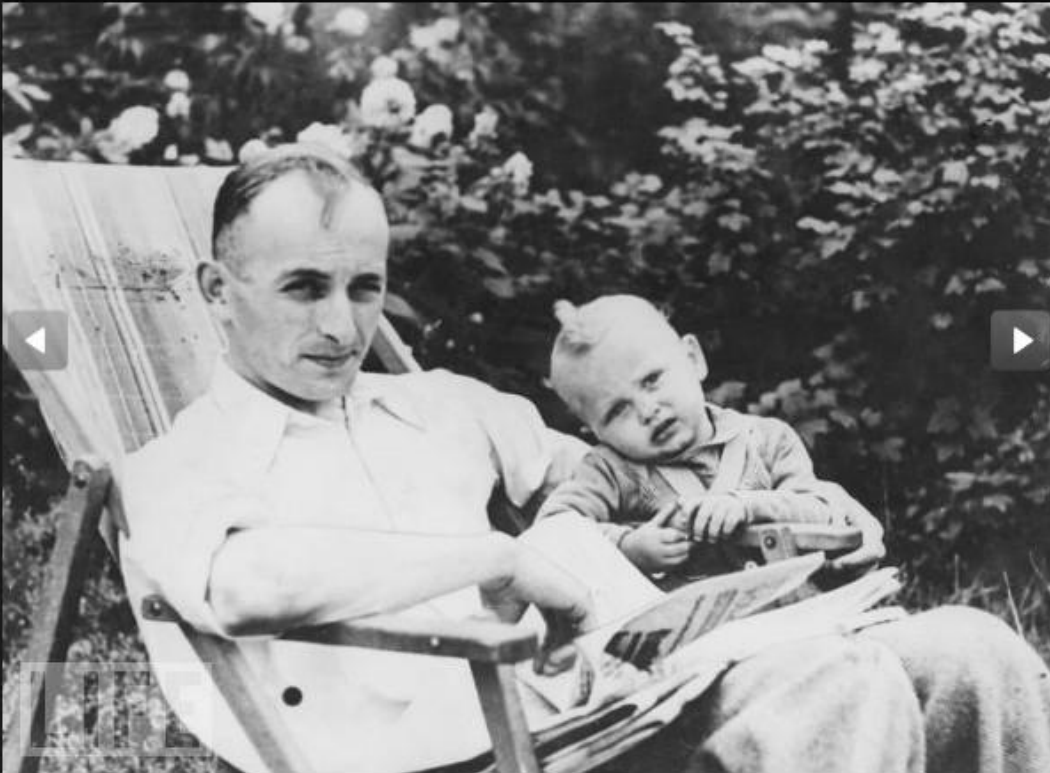
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Ricardo Eichmann (1955 - Present)

The youngest son of Adolf Eichmann, he was only five when Israelis snatched his father as he returned to their home in Buenos Aires. Now a professor of Middle Eastern archeology, he has condemned his father in the strongest terms: "I don't agree with capital punishment, but given the nature of his crimes I have no problem with his execution."

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Horst Eichmann (1940 - Present)

While Adolf Eichmann's youngest son Ricardo has denounced him, his older boy Horst is an unrepentant Nazi. When he married an Argentine student in 1961, on his marriage license he listed his father's profession as "Lieutenant Colonel retired." Above: Horst with dad circa 1942.

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